The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Approach to Integrated Safety Analyses



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Petition for Rulemaking

Industry representatives formally requested regulation regarding integrated safety analyses

Revision of 10 CFR Part 70

❖After a multi-year effort the rule became effective in October 2000

10 CFR Part 70 (Subpart H)

- Subpart H establishes: performance requirements, a safety program, process safety information, integrated safety analysis, and management measures
- ISA Summaries must be submitted by October 2004.

Performance Requirements

- Chemical Safety
- Criticality Safety
- Environmental Safety
- Fire Safety
- Radiological Safety

Performance Requirements

Consequence: High & Intermediate

Likelihood: Highly Unlikely & Unlikely

NUREG 1520 (Draft)

Standard Review Plan for Fuel Cycle Facilities

Incorporates information for licensee
 (Areas of Review) and for NRC reviewer
 (Acceptance Criteria)

Contains 11 chapters

NUREG 1513

Integrated Safety Analysis for Fuel Cycle Facilities

 Describes methodologies a licensee could use for conducting a hazard analysis.

ISA Summaries

- Must be submitted by October 2004
- ❖Product of the Integrated Safety Analysis
 - Includes:
 - Process Descriptions and Hazard Identification
 - Accident Sequences and list of items relied on for safety (IROFS)
 - Measures needed to maintain reliability and availability of IROFS

Present activities

Licensees have submitted ISA Plans

ISA Plan Criteria

- Description of plan:
 - For selecting ISA Team members
 - To identify radiological and chemical hazards
 - To identify potential accident sequences
 - To identify consequence and likelihood
 - To identify item(s) relied on for safety
 - For an integrated format for assembling safety information into an ISA Summary

ISA Plan Criteria (continued)

- List of all analyzed processes and the portion of the process that will be analyzed
- Schedule of ISA Summary(s) submittal dates

Chemical Process Safety

Follows MOU between OSHA and NRC

- ❖NRC responsible for:
 - Radioactive Materials
 - Uranium Hexafluoride, uranyl nitrate and oxides of uranium, etc

Chemical Process Safety

- Chemicals produced from radioactive materials
 - Hydrogen fluoride from UF₆
 - Oxides of nitrogen from uranium dissolution
- Chemicals that would impact operations with radioactive material and result in an increased radiation risk.